



### **April/May Highlights**

**Brother Bring a Friend Night on Saturday April 2nd**

**Elections will be held on Saturday May 14th**

**District-Wide Child ID Program on May 21st**

**Public Installation on Saturday May 28th**

**Chicken Barbecue on August 20th**

**Baseball Game on Saturday August 27th**

**Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 721  
P.O. Box 178  
Cornwall, NY 12518**

**Do you want to attend a  
meeting but need a ride?  
Contact the Senior Warden  
and he'll set it up for you!**

**Don't forget to visit our website at  
[www.JTL721.org](http://www.JTL721.org)**

**From the East**

**Wor. Wayne Flavin**



My Brothers,

Please join me in welcoming the newest Master Mason at Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 721, Bro. Paul Joseph Serra, son of W.: Tom Serra and a third generation Master Mason. Paul "J" becomes the newest member of the Fraternity that has seen his grandfather Carlo, father Tom, and Uncle Paul all serve as Masters of their respective lodges. It is our sincere wish that Paul will follow in the footsteps of the other men in his family and enjoy a long and distinguished career in Masonry. Welcome Paul!

We've put together an abbreviated Trestleboard to provide you with a calendar of events of what's planned for JTL 721. As you can readily see, we're going to be a very busy lodge for the next few months. We've become, in a very short time, one of the most active lodges in the Orange-Rockland District.

We'll soon see the election and installation of our new officers, hold a Brother Bring a Friend Night, throw a chicken BBQ fundraiser, and enjoy a night out at the ballgame. We also have a Fellowcraft Club that meets on the fourth Thursday of each month for cards, darts and good fellowship. Come on out for the fun.

Come out on a Saturday morning and have breakfast with us and see what has so many interested in dropping by for a visit. The coffee is ready at 8:00 a.m. How do you like your eggs?

Fraternally,  
W.: Wayne J. Flavin  
Master

Saturday August 27th 4:00 p.m.  
**2nd Annual Night at the Ball Game**

*Note: We hope to have some informal barbecues and card nights while the lodge is dark in July and August. If you'd like to help plan an activity, let Joe know!*

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## **Thanks to all of our 2004-2005 OFFICERS**

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<b>Trustee</b>	<b>W.: Eugene Reynolds</b>
<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Bro. Thomas Leishman</b>

# On The Trestleboard

Saturday April 2nd 6:00 p.m.

**Brother Bring a Friend Night Dinner & Program**

Saturday April 9th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

**Walkabout the Lodge Program**

Saturday April 23rd 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

**Entered Apprentice School of Instruction**

Thursday April 28th 7:30 p.m.

**Fellowcraft Club Reception for New Candidates**

Saturday May 7th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

**Special Communication: Entered Apprentice Degree**

Saturday May 14th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

**Election of Officers**

Thursday May 21st 9:00 a.m.

**District-Wide Child ID Program in Woodbury**

Thursday May 26th 7:30 p.m.

**Fellowcraft Club Meeting**

Saturday May 28th 4:00 p.m. til ???

**Public Installation of Officers & Card Party Fundraiser**

Saturday June 11th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

**Stated Communication: Fellowcraft Degree**

Saturday June 25th 4:00 p.m.

**Special Communication: End of Year Dinner**

Saturday August 20th 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser**

From the West

R.:W.: Joe



Greetings,

It's strange to read Wayne's message from the East and not see him give another farewell address as he has in the last several issues, each time thinking it would be his last Trestleboard as Master. In fact, we were pretty sure the last issue would carry us through to our Installation but we have so many exciting plans and events going on that we needed to get another issue out for this term. Please review the dates carefully as many have changed and there are several exciting additions!

The first big event coming up is our Brother Bring a Friend Night at which we hope to meet some potential Brothers and welcome some old faces back. We're planning a nice roast beef dinner and an informative and entertaining program to share some information about Freemasonry and our plans for the Lodge. If you know of a qualified man to whom we should extend an invitation, please get his name to me ASAP. His Lady, and your own, are also invited to join us for this evening of good fun and fellowship.

For those of you thinking about going away for a vacation in August... don't! Though the Lodge may be dark over the summer, the activities continue! In the last issue I told you all how proud I was that the Lodge finished the year in the black without dipping into its savings. To ensure that we can do it again, we will be holding a Chicken Barbecue on Saturday August 20th under the watchful gaze of Iron Chef Tom Jones. The next Saturday, August 27th, will see us back in Beacon for our second annual Night at the Ball Game (*see details in this issue*). This year we have the BIG picnic area in left field, with the adjacent playground for the kids, and will be joined by the members of VFW Post #8858.

As you can see, we have many ambitious plans to continue Jerusalem Temple Lodge on its course to becoming a pillar of the district. While we have all been enjoying the light-hearted comradery of our new Fellowcraft Club, we've also buckled down to do some serious Work. On Saturday March 12th, we Raised a third generation Master Mason, Bro. Paul Joseph Serra. As a former AGL (if there IS such a thing!), I was deeply impressed by the quality of the Work and the efforts that the Brethren of our Lodge made in presenting our last several degrees for Paul "J" and our Fellowcraft, John Moloney. Paul J's uncle, Wor. Paul B. Serra, learned the Middle Chamber Lecture and delivered it beautifully, as if he had been performing it all his life. The Brethren of this lodge also took it upon themselves to learn all of the major speaking roles in the Hiramic Drama. When so many avoid learning new ritual, our Brethren took up the gauntlet and delivered an outstanding Third Degree. I hope to see this tradition continue when we confer the Entered Apprentice degree at a Special Communication on May 7th for the candidates we hope will seek us out after our Brother Bring a Friend Night.

I'd like to welcome several brothers who have recently affiliated with our Lodge, Wor. Robert Adams, Wor. Ronald 'Hank' Stoveland, and Bro. Nick Iacoviitti. I would also like to thank R:W: Lloyd Buchalter, Bro. Kevin Kincaide, and our District Deputy Grand Master, R:W: Dan Jonas for their frequent visits, assistance, and support. We love to have visitors, you bring something special to the Lodge with you, and we hope that all Brothers reading this will pay us a call!

I am not going to write a farewell address as I anticipate my own year in the East (*Only. Singular. Solitary. Unlike Wayne.*) but I would like to offer my gratitude to a few Brothers who have helped me in my efforts as Senior Warden. My thanks go to R:W: Oscar Meissner for reminding me that anything worth doing is worth taking the time to do right. My deepest gratitude is extended to

## Fellowcraft Club News

Jerusalem Temple Lodge has formed a Fellowcraft Club to promote fellowship in the district and support the service and charitable programs of the lodge. Everyone is welcome to join us at our meetings, Masons, prospective Masons, and friends alike! We're getting together on the fourth Thursday of the month for some cards, darts, and cribbage along with the occasional adult beverage and fine cigar.

One of our goals is to help promote the Brotherhood Fund and to that end, we have decided to raise a little money at each meeting for a different Brotherhood Fund program each month. In December we bought chips for our poker game and raised \$75 for the Masonic Medical research Laboratory. Our current charitable project is our Camp Turk Scholarship Fund.

We're looking for other ideas for activities and fundraising. Most importantly, we're hoping to see members of the lodge and brothers from all over the district come out to enjoy each others company. Come join us for a night out with 'da boys'!



### **The 15th Masonic President**

In the courthouse of Plattsburg, Missouri, there is a statute of Brother Atchison bearing the inscription "David Rice Atchison 1807-1886, President of the United States for One Day. The circumstances were the transition from President James Polk to Zachary Taylor. According to the law at that time, President Polk stepped down as President on Sunday, March 4, 1849. Zachary Taylor was a deeply religious man and refused to be inaugurated on a Sunday. Thus, according to ascension laws, the office falls to the Vice-President George M. Dallas however his term also ended on noon on March 4. Thus the Presidential line then falls to the President Pro Tem of the Senate - who was David Rice Atchison. The problem was debated in the Congress for several hours and agreed by them that Brother Atchison, although never inaugurated was legally and by the Constitution, President of the United States from noon on March 4, 1849 until noon on March 5, 1849. Brother Atchison was a member of Platte Lodge No. 56 in Platte City, Missouri.

### **How To Enjoy The Happiest Day Of Your Life By Brother and Reverend Joseph Fort Newton 1947**

"We can do anything for one day. So, just for today, let us be unafraid of life, unafraid of death which is the shadow of life; unafraid to be happy, to enjoy the beautiful, to believe the best.

Just for today let us live one day only, forgetting yesterday and tomorrow, and not trying to solve the whole problem of life at once. Lincoln said that a man is just as happy as he makes up his mind to be. Suppose that we make up our minds to be happy just for today, to adjust ourselves to what is - our family, our business, our luck. To try to make the world over to suit us is a large order. If we cannot have what we like, maybe we can like what we have.

So, just for today, let us be agreeable, responsive, cheerful, charitable; be our best, dress our best, walk softly, praise people for what they do, not criticize them for what they cannot do. And if we find fault, let us forgive it and forget."

Bro. Bob Alicky, who stepped in to fill the huge shoes of R.:W.: Bob Burwick in his absence; Bob B, we wish you all the best for a speedy recovery and Bob A., you have been a true God-send and have my deepest appreciation for your awesome work as Acting Secretary.

Finally, Wayne... this lodge owes you a deep debt of gratitude for your Fine and True Work. You've rebuilt a strong and vibrant lodge, guided by your vision for a place where fun and fellowship prevail over pennies and politics. You've shown us that we can get the Work done well and still enjoy ourselves as Brothers. I can only hope to carry your vision into the future. There, I made your farewell address for you!

Yours in service to the Craft,  
R.:W.: Joe Leo  
Senior Warden

***A true Freemason will not waste his time, nor demean himself, by tearing down another's wall. He respects every man's temple, though it be erected to other gods than his own and carries in his heart a reverence for every attempt made by anybody whatsoever to raise toward heaven the palaces of our human dreams.***

***H.L. Haywood,  
from A Masonic Thought  
for Each Day of the Year***

**2nd Annual  
Night at the Ballgame**



Mark your calendar for Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> when Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 721 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8858 (Harriman, NY) will enjoy an evening of baseball, hotdogs, hamburgers, salads and fun at the Hudson Valley Renegades baseball game in Beacon, NY.

Tickets are only \$15 per person which includes both the cost of admission to the game and all food and soft drinks (Adult beverages are available). Children under 8 are FREE.

This year we have exclusive use of the left field picnic area which includes the playground area. Bring the kiddies along and watch the game knowing that even the youngest fans can have fun in the playground only steps away from Mom and Dad.

Advance ticket purchase is required, and the farther in advance, the better for planning! You can buy your tickets at any Jerusalem Temple Lodge meeting or you can make your check out to

*Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 721*

And mail it to:

Wayne Flavin  
18 Oxford Lane  
Harriman, NY 10926

**Installation & Card Party**



You and your family and friends are cordially invited to join **Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 721** for its Public Installation of Officers on Saturday May 28th at 4:00 p.m. at the Cornwall Masonic Temple.

We promise a ceremony rich in tradition and short on speeches!

Afterward, please join us for a nice sit down dinner followed by our first Card Party fundraiser to support our Fellowcraft Club's Camp Turk Scholarship Fund. Dinner is free and tickets for the card party are \$10 per person (and include the first 500 ~~dollars~~ units in chips!).

Bring a foursome for bridge, join a poker game, play some cribbage or rummy and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. We'll be awarding prizes for the games and hope to raffle off some door prizes in a Chinese auction. Any donations of prizes or refreshments will be GREATLY appreciated!

For more information, please contact Joe Leo at (845) 401-8387 or by e-mail at SrWarden@JTL721.org.